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Each year since 1998, the best impact reports from the Cooperative Extension Base Program of 4-H Youth Development have been collected from the states and made available for download from the National 4-H Headquarters website, found at <http://www.national4-Hheadquarters.gov>. Roughly one-third of these, the best of the best, are carefully selected to be included in this printed version. Reports are selected to be representative of the breadth, depth, diversity, and impact of the nationwide 4-H program. Staff members whose reports have been selected for inclusion in this annual collection can be justly proud of their accomplishment.

This year the reports are organized under the five major headings of the new National 4-H Strategic Plan, *The Power of Youth in a Changing World*. The Executive Summary of that just-released Plan for a new Millennium is included in this volume as well. As the Programs of Excellence reports indicate, a great deal of important educational effort is already going on in each of these categories.

Each year the Programs of Excellence volume includes the latest 4-H enrollment statistics; other facts about the 4-H program; and sections about how stakeholders are included, how quality is assured, and how impacts are communicated.

4-H Programs of Excellence 2001 will be released at the start of the 4-H Centennial year. It provides a snapshot of 4-H during the last year of its first century. We anticipate that it will be particularly useful during the many special 4-H Centennial events conducted throughout the country in 2002.

4-H Programs of Excellence are intended to fill several important needs:

- a source of proven innovative program and evaluation ideas for staff
- accomplishment reporting to stakeholders and influentials at all levels
- an instrument to use in fostering new partnerships and collaborations

The Programs of Excellence are collected and made available under the auspices and with the help of members of the National 4-H Strategic Directions Team. A section of the volume describes their role and lists the membership.

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